

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takeshi Uemura, et al.

Serial No.:

Filed: Herewith

For: COMBUSTION FURNACE SYSTEM
FOR ANALYZING ELEMENTS IN A
SAMPLE

Patent Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

July 24, 2003

Irvine, California 92614

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following.